

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 10, 2014

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 10, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters and Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February 24th meeting were approved on a motion by Ken Masters with Mark Bacon seconding the motion.

IT

Randy Herbert, IT director presented a contract with ESRI for GIS software. Our license with ESRI expired three years ago now we have the option to repay the lease or purchase a new license with upgraded software and a full year's license. Ken Masters agreed to the second option and Mark Bacon seconded his motion. Motion carried.

Herbert then questioned the old phone junction box located in the Surveyors office. Neither Verizon nor Frontier claims any usage of the lines. Mr. Herbert was instructed to leave the box intact.

ANDERSON TWP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

Nick White reported that his department had a paid person on station eight hours a day, they are making their runs and have new recruitments for EMTs. White asked if the Commissioners would consider reinstating their contract. Commissioner Levi stated that the board had three options: rescind the probation letter, continue the probation or cancel the contract. Mark Bacon announced that thanks to Nick White and Becky Puckett he would make the motion to rescind the letter of probation. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Commissioners have advertised for applications for the Rush County Redevelopment Commission until Tuesday, March 11th at 4:00p.m. Attorney Leigh Morning informed the board that state statute stipulates the procedure to form the commission and this body has its own powers and acts independently.

COURTHOUSE

The louvers on the west side of the courthouse have been replaced. The next step is to repair the gutters over the Superior Courtroom. The Commissioners determined there was not enough damage to file a claim for water damage experienced to the courtroom during the ice storms. The elevator is being inspected by Thyssen Krupp and will be submitted to Homeland Security. The reading on the Courthouse water meter returned to normal this month. The Public Records Commission has been contacted and requested that each office identify their records being stored in the attic.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the Highway Annual Report. Ken Masters moved to accept the report and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Commissioners also reviewed the February monthly report. Sitton reported that the county has two bridges in dire need of repair. The title for a truck being retired from the Highway fleet was signed and notarized for trade-in.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 33 inmates in the county jail. Sherwood stated that Deputy Randy Meek had an accident due to inclement weather. His county cruiser sustained \$8,600 damage. According to the Sheriff, the cell blocks at the jail are receiving a fresh coat of paint.

AUDITOR

- Treasurer's monthly report was submitted.
- Bond for Tammy Justice was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.
- EMS reports from Carthage, Anderson Township, Raleigh and an amended Raleigh report were reviewed.
- Torte claim against the county and the jail has been moved to Federal Court.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Mark Bacon moved to sign the following ordinance establishing the Rush County Redevelopment Commission. Ken Master seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ken Masters moved to sign claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor